

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY

TED

You asshole, what are you--
(CALLING OUT CHEERILY)
Mary! Mary? Is that you?

MARY

(squinting)

Who's that?

TED

Hi! It's Ted.

MARY

Ted??

TED

Yeah Ted from Rhode Island.Ted!.

MARY

Ted? Oh my God!! Ted!!

TED

How are you?

MARY

Oh my God....Ted.

(big smile)

It's good to see you again How you being? I can't believe this. I haven't seen you since--

TED

Yeah since....

MARY

Senior Prom!

TED

That's right --Senior prom. I got...You got a great memory. Oh man!
That was...I haven't thought about that in years!

MARY

Yeah! so How is everything? yeah, everything...

TED

Oh, oh. That's fine. You know, I've in and out of the hospital in a couple of weeks. It was not a big deal at all. Now I'm good. Strong like bull!

Mary LAUGHS.

TED (cont'd)
Hey! Hi Warren!

WARREN
Hi Ted!

TED
How are ya?

WARREN
I'm...How are yo?!

Laughs.

WARREN
Piggyback ride?!

TED
Oh Piggyback---No, You know what? I'll take a rain check
this time, ok?

Mary is surprised.

MARY
Im impressed. I mean I can't believe he remembers you, you
know. He never remembers ANYBODY! It's amazing

TED
So what are you doing here? I mean, do you work here?

MARY
Yeah! This is my office (looks back at the building)

TED
Wow!

MARY (cont'd)
Yeah! It's up there! (she points at the building)

MARY
It's amazing! I was just out on my lunch break with
Warren and I see you! What are you doing here??

TED
Well, that's the funny story. I was....I decided
to...I got in the car with my friend...and we just...We came down to
Florida right?

MARY
Right

She stares at him.

MARY
Well you look great. You look really good. So what's the
story Ted? Are you married, do you have kids? What's the deal?

TED
Nope, nope--dodged a few bullets.

MARY
Yeah..

TED
Yeah..
(smiles)

God, this is just so....bizarre. I mean I'm standing here with Mary Jensen.

MARY
No no no It's Mary Matthews now

TED
(taken aback)
Oh...Did you...?

MARY
Nope, I haven't walked that plank yet, no
(off his look, she looks somewhere else)
but..it was this thing in college. This creepy guy he couldn't stop bothering me so...well, anyhow there was restraining order, got kind of ugly and after Princeton I just decided you know what? Be cautious. Change your name. Just kind of leave that behind.

TED
Right. That sounds---that sounds horrible.

MARY
Oh yeah it was it was but it's over

TED
Hey, what are you doing tonight? do you think maybe you want to maybe..I don't know, go out to dinner, you know? Catch up on old times?

BEAT.

MARY
Didn't we just do that?

Ted doesn't know how to respond to this and then she smiles.

MARY (cont'd)
I'm fucking with you Ted LAUGHS You didn't get it right?
(laugh) Hey listen I'd really love to, I'd like to, I'd be great you know but the thing is I kinda have plans for tonight so....but I'm free tomorrow night

TED
Yeah, sure. Oh you know..or you could just blow off that jerk you're going out with tonight and come out with me.

Mary seems touched by this.

MARY
What hotel are you staying at?

TED
Uh The Cardoza

MARY
What about 8 o'clock? I pick you up

TED
Sure

MARY
Ok

TED
Ok

MARY
Cool. See yo tonight.

TED
Bye

MARY
Bye

Ted finally smiles.